

Errata to: A Profile of Health Among Massachusetts Adults, 2002 Results from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Corrections to *A Profile of Health Among Massachusetts Adults, 2002, Results from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System* can be found on the following pages of the report:

- Page 4 (Executive Summary)
- Page 18 (Section 2.1: Health Care Access)
- Pages 54-55 (Section 5.3: Breast Cancer Screening)
- Pages 62-63 (Section 6.2: Family Planning)
- Pages 82-83 (Summary of 2002 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Results)

Please see below for a list of corrections.

Page 4

The second sentence of the FAMILY PLANNING section should read: Among sexually active women of reproductive age (18-44) approximately 85% reported using birth control (please refer to pages 2-3 of this errata for other corrections to Section 6.2: Family Planning).

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Footnote under Figure 2.1 should read:

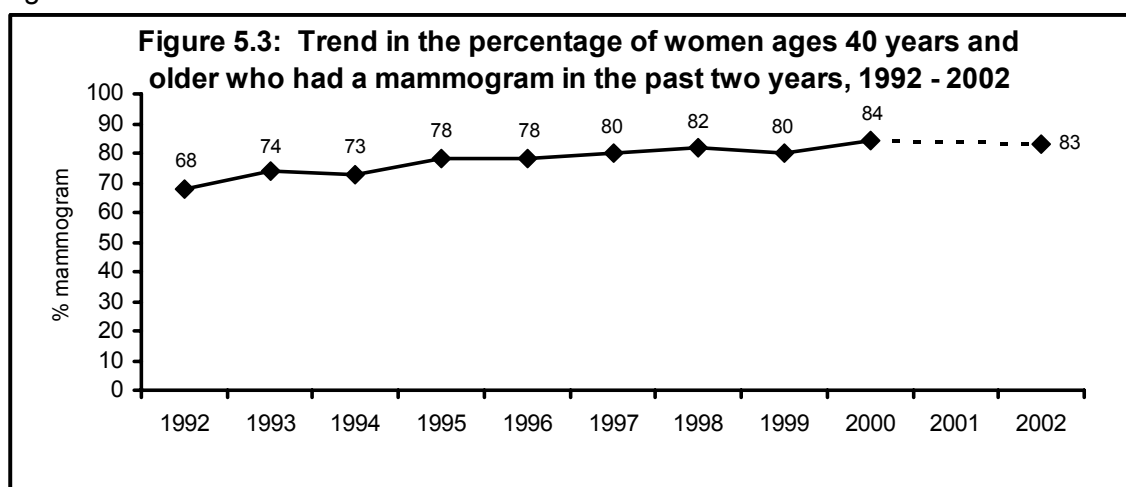
Please note that CDC estimates of uninsured adults, based solely upon the CDC core health insurance question may differ from estimates derived from the Massachusetts BRFSS. The Massachusetts BRFSS includes a follow-up question to ensure that respondents consider all possible types of health insurance coverage; the addition of this follow-up question leads to differences between CDC and Massachusetts BRFSS estimates.

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Bullet 2 under the section CLINICAL BREAST EXAM IN THE PAST 2 YEARS should read:

Older women (over age 70) and younger women (ages 18-29) were the least likely to report that they had had a CBE in the past 2 years.

Figure 5.3 has been corrected as follows:



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Corrected *age specific rates* for “clinical breast exam” in past 2 years (Table 5.3) are as follows:

Age group	Crude rate	95% CI*
18-29	83.1	(79.2-87.0)
30-39	87.4	(84.7-90.0)
40-49	91.2	(88.8-93.5)
50-59	87.1	(83.6-90.6)
60-69	87.0	(83.4-90.7)
70-79	81.2	(76.8-85.6)
80 and older	67.0	(59.4-74.6)

*Confidence interval presented is for the crude (age specific rate).

Corrected rates for birth control use by women (pages 62-63) are as follows:

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The first 2 bullets of the USE BIRTH CONTROL section should read:

- 85% of Massachusetts women ages 18-44 reported that they or their partner use some form of birth control
- The percentage of women ages 18-44 who reported using some form of birth control decreased with increasing age, with 93% of women ages 18-24 reporting that they use some form of birth control, but only 78% of women ages 35-44 reporting use of birth control

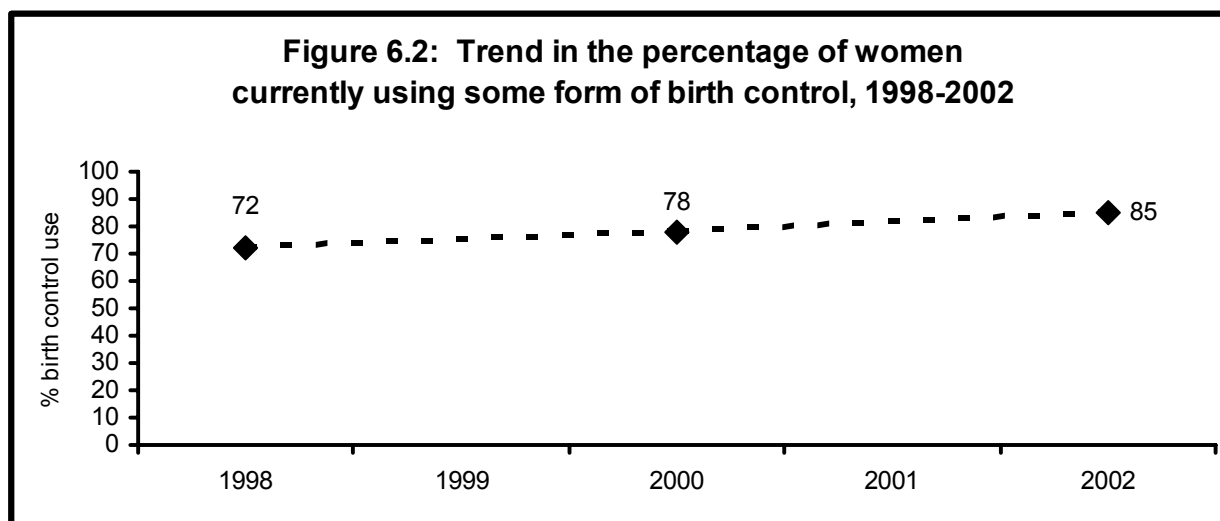


TABLE 6.2 – FAMILY PLANNING AMONG MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN, AGES 18-44, 2002

	USE BIRTH CONTROL		
	CRUDE %	AGE-ADJUSTED %	95% CI
OVERALL	84.7	84.8	(82.7-86.9)
GENDER			
MALE			
FEMALE	84.7	84.8	(82.7-86.9)
AGE GROUP			
18–24	93.1		(88.6-97.6)*
25–34	87.8		(84.6-90.1)*
35–44	77.5		(73.9-81.1)*
RACE-ETHNICITY**			
WHITE	85.6	86.0	(83.6-88.4)
BLACK	83.7	84.0	(73.7-94.4)
HISPANIC	81.8	78.0	(70.5-85.4)
ASIAN	77.7	73.1	(59.0-87.2)
EDUCATION			
< HIGH SCHOOL	87.8	84.9	(76.5-93.3)
HIGH SCHOOL	77.8	78.0	(72.8-83.2)
COLLEGE 1–3	83.1	82.3	(77.9-86.7)
COLLEGE 4+ YRS	88.5	90.0	(87.7-92.4)
HOUSEHOLD			
<\$25,000	85.4	81.8	(76.2-87.3)
\$25–34,999	84.6	82.7	(75.2-90.2)
\$35–49,999	83.8	84.7	(79.8-89.7)
\$50–74,999	86.3	87.5	(83.3-91.7)
\$75,000+	85.4	87.0	(82.9-91.1)
REGION			
I–WESTERN	85.9	86.5	(80.9-92.1)
II–CENTRAL	89.0	90.0	(86.1-94.0)
III–NORTH EAST	81.2	81.3	(75.5-87.0)
IV–METRO WEST	86.0	86.6	(82.4-90.8)
V–SOUTH EAST	79.5	80.0	(74.2-85.9)
VI–BOSTON	87.9	85.0	(79.9-90.1)

* Confidence interval presented is for the age-specific rate in the previous column.

** White, Black and Asian race categories refer to non-Hispanic.

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The corrected Massachusetts rate for no health insurance coverage should be 10.8%, this includes adult ages 18-64. This estimate of uninsured is based on the CDC core health insurance question asked by all states. Additional Massachusetts information has been left out of this calculation, so that Massachusetts could be compared with other states.

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The corrected Massachusetts rate for the percentage of women who report using birth control should be 84.7% (please refer to pages 2-3 of this errata for other corrections to Section 6.2: Family Planning).